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### **County Employment and Wages in Texas – Third Quarter 2013**

Employment rose in 25 of the 26 largest counties in Texas from September 2012 to September 2013, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported today. (Large counties are defined as those with employment of 75,000 or more as measured by 2012 annual average employment.) Regional Commissioner Stanley W. Suchman noted that rates of job growth in three Texas counties ranked in the top 10 nationwide. Fort Bend County's 6.0-percent job gain led the nation and the Texas counties of Brazos (5.7 percent, 3rd) and Denton (4.9 percent, 8th) also shared in the top 10 ranking. (See [table 1](#).)

Employment nationwide advanced 1.7 percent from September 2012 as 286 of the 334 largest U.S. counties registered increases. As noted, Fort Bend, Texas, recorded the fastest rate of employment growth in the country, up 6.0 percent, while Peoria, Ill., registered the largest decline, down 3.7 percent.

Among the largest counties in Texas, employment was highest in Harris County (2,192,300) in September 2013, followed by Dallas County (1,509,000). Three other counties, Tarrant, Bexar, and Travis, had employment levels exceeding 600,000. Together, the 26 largest Texas counties accounted for 80.1 percent of total employment within the state. Nationwide, the 334 largest counties made up 71.4 percent of total U.S. employment.

From the third quarter of 2012 to the third quarter of 2013, average weekly wages nationwide increased 1.9 percent to \$922. Among large counties in Texas, Gregg County registered the largest increase in average weekly wages with a gain of 4.1 percent, while Brazos recorded the largest decrease, down 1.0 percent. (See [table 1](#).) In the third quarter of 2013, Harris had the highest average weekly wage among the state's largest counties at \$1,187 and Cameron had the lowest at \$587.

Employment and wage levels (but not over-the-year changes) are also available for the 228 counties in Texas with employment levels below 75,000 in 2012. Among these smaller counties, 89 percent (202) had average weekly wages below the national average in September 2013. (See [table 2](#).)

#### **Large county wage changes**

Fourteen of Texas's 26 large counties recorded wage growth above the 1.9-percent national increase from the third quarter of 2012 to the third quarter of 2013. Gregg County's 4.1-percent wage increase was the highest in the state and placed 15th in the national ranking. (See [table 1](#).) Four additional Texas

counties registered wage growth ranking in the top 50 nationally: Fort Bend (3.6 percent, 29th); Midland (3.5 percent, 31st); and Brazoria and Montgomery (3.4 percent each, tied 37th). In contrast, average weekly wages fell in Brazos and Webb Counties, decreasing 1.0 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively.

Among the 334 largest U.S. counties, 291 had over-the-year increases in average weekly wages. San Mateo, Calif., had the largest increase with a gain of 9.9 percent. Dane, Wis., was second with wage growth of 9.3 percent, followed by Collier, Fla. (8.0 percent). Wage decreases were recorded in 40 large counties nationwide; Pinellas, Fla., experienced the largest over-the-year wage loss at 4.3 percent.

### **Large county average weekly wages**

Average weekly wages in 5 of the 26 large Texas counties were at least 10 percent above the national average of \$922 per week in the third quarter of 2013. Harris County led at \$1,187 per week and ranked 20th among the 334 large counties nationwide. Harris was followed by Midland (\$1,148, 25th), Dallas (\$1,115, 33rd), Collin (\$1,070, 43rd), and Travis (\$1,028, 53rd). Two additional Texas counties reported average weekly wages above the national average: Fort Bend (\$969, 75th), and Williamson (\$928, 96th).

Texas had 4 of the 11 lowest-paying large counties in the United States, all located along the border with Mexico. These included Cameron (\$587, 333rd), Hidalgo (\$595, 332nd), Webb (\$636, 330th) and El Paso (\$666, 324th). Other Texas counties with low national rankings included Brazos (\$711, 314th), Lubbock (\$736, 296th), and McLennan (\$748, 284th).

Nationally, weekly wages were higher than the U.S. average in 101 of the largest counties in the country. Santa Clara, Calif., held the top position among the highest-paid large counties with an average weekly wage of \$1,868. San Mateo, Calif., was second at \$1,698, followed by New York, N.Y. (\$1,667), Washington, D.C. (\$1,560), and San Francisco, Calif. (\$1,549).

Of the largest counties in the United States, 232, or more than two-thirds, reported average weekly wages below the national average in the third quarter of 2013. The lowest wage was reported in Horry, S.C., at \$564 per week. Pasco, Fla. (\$635), joined the Texas counties of Cameron, Hidalgo, and Webb among the bottom five. Wages in these five lowest-ranked counties were about one-third or less of the average weekly wage in the highest-ranked county, Santa Clara, Calif.

### **Average weekly wages in smaller Texas counties**

Twenty-six of the 228 smaller Texas counties – those with employment below 75,000 – reported average weekly wages above the national average of \$922. Two of these smaller counties had wages that not only exceeded \$1,000 per week, but were also the highest in the state: Carson (\$1,336), and Shackelford (\$1,229). Delta County registered the lowest weekly wage, averaging \$373 in the third quarter of 2013. (See [table 2](#).)

When all 254 counties in Texas were considered, all but 33 had wages below the national average. Thirty-eight reported average weekly wages under \$600, 78 registered wages from \$600 to \$699, 58 had wages from \$700 to \$799, 40 had wages from \$800 to \$899, and 40 had wages of \$900 or more per week. (See [chart 1](#).) The counties with the highest wages were generally concentrated around the metropolitan areas of Austin, Amarillo, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Midland, and Odessa. Lower paying counties were generally located in the agricultural areas of central Texas and the Texas Panhandle, as well as along the Texas-Mexico border.

### **Additional Statistics and Other Information**

QCEW data for states have been included in this release in [table 3](#). For additional information about quarterly employment and wages data, please read the Technical Note or visit [www.bls.gov/cew](http://www.bls.gov/cew).

Employment and Wages Annual Averages Online features comprehensive information by detailed industry on establishments, employment, and wages for the nation and all states. The 2012 edition of this publication contains selected data produced by Business Employment Dynamics (BED) on job gains and losses, as well as selected data from the first quarter 2013 version of the national news release. Tables and additional content from Employment and Wages Annual Averages 2012 are now available online at [www.bls.gov/cew/cewbultn12.htm](http://www.bls.gov/cew/cewbultn12.htm). The 2013 edition of Employment and Wages Annual Averages Online will be available in September 2014.

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### **Technical Note**

Average weekly wage data by county are compiled under the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program, also known as the ES-202 program. The data are derived from summaries of employment and total pay of workers covered by state and federal unemployment insurance (UI) legislation and provided by State Workforce Agencies (SWAs). The 9.3 million employer reports cover 135.0 million full- and part-time workers. The average weekly wage values are calculated by dividing quarterly total wages by the average of the three monthly employment levels of those covered by UI programs. The result is then divided by 13, the number of weeks in a quarter. It is to be noted, therefore, that over-the-year wage changes for geographic areas may reflect shifts in the composition of employment by industry, occupation, and such other factors as hours of work. Thus, wages may vary among counties, metropolitan areas, or states for reasons other than changes in the average wage level. Data for all states, Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), counties, and the nation are available on the BLS Web site at [www.bls.gov/cew/](http://www.bls.gov/cew/); however, data in QCEW press releases have been revised (see Technical Note below) and may not match the data contained on the Bureau's Web site.

QCEW data are not designed as a time series. QCEW data are simply the sums of individual establishment records reflecting the number of establishments that exist in a county or industry at a point in time. Establishments can move in or out of a county or industry for a number of reasons—some reflecting economic events, others reflecting administrative changes.

The preliminary QCEW data presented in this release may differ from data released by the individual states as well as from the data presented on the BLS Web site. These potential differences result from the states' continuing receipt, review and editing of UI data over time. On the other hand, differences between data in this release and the data found on the BLS Web site are the result of adjustments made to improve over-the-year comparisons. Specifically, these adjustments account for administrative (noneconomic) changes such as a correction to a previously reported location or industry classification. Adjusting for these administrative changes allows users to more accurately assess changes of an economic nature (such as a firm moving from one county to another or changing its primary economic activity) over a 12-month period. Currently, adjusted data are available only from BLS press releases.

**Table 1. Covered<sup>(1)</sup> employment and wages in the United States and the 26 largest counties in Texas, third quarter 2013<sup>(2)</sup>**

Area	Employment			Average Weekly Wage <sup>(3)</sup>			
	September 2013 (thousands)	Percent change, September 2012-13 <sup>(4)</sup>	National ranking by percent change <sup>(5)</sup>	Average weekly wage	National ranking by level <sup>(5)</sup>	Percent change, third quarter 2012-13 <sup>(4)</sup>	National ranking by percent change <sup>(5)</sup>
United States <sup>(6)</sup> .....	134,957.5	1.7	--	\$922	--	1.9	--
Texas .....	11,091.9	2.8	--	952	12	2.5	15
Bell, Texas .....	111.1	1.4	174	770	256	2.5	77
Bexar, Texas .....	773.3	2.6	77	827	197	1.2	208
Brazoria, Texas .....	96.2	3.2	48	908	116	3.4	37
Brazos, Texas .....	94.9	5.7	3	711	314	-1.0	318
Cameron, Texas .....	131.9	1.8	140	587	333	2.3	92
Collin, Texas .....	330.3	4.8	11	1,070	43	0.8	236
Dallas, Texas .....	1,509.0	3.2	48	1,115	33	2.8	59
Denton, Texas .....	195.5	4.9	8	837	187	1.6	172
El Paso, Texas .....	282.4	1.5	162	666	324	2.0	127
Fort Bend, Texas .....	157.8	6.0	1	969	75	3.6	29
Galveston, Texas .....	98.5	2.8	62	805	220	0.2	275
Gregg, Texas .....	77.1	0.9	225	846	174	4.1	15
Harris, Texas .....	2,192.3	2.9	60	1,187	20	2.9	51
Hidalgo, Texas .....	231.7	2.6	77	595	332	2.1	108
Jefferson, Texas .....	116.9	-2.0	331	921	103	0.9	224
Lubbock, Texas .....	129.1	2.3	97	736	296	2.6	70
McLennan, Texas .....	103.3	1.2	194	748	284	1.4	192
Midland, Texas .....	85.3	4.5	14	1,148	25	3.5	31
Montgomery, Texas .....	151.4	4.8	11	903	122	3.4	37
Nueces, Texas .....	159.7	1.8	140	817	199	2.4	87
Potter, Texas .....	77.3	1.3	187	778	251	1.8	146
Smith, Texas .....	95.2	2.5	85	784	248	1.6	172
Tarrant, Texas .....	812.6	3.0	57	912	110	0.6	248
Travis, Texas .....	637.8	4.1	20	1,028	53	2.4	87
Webb, Texas .....	92.8	1.9	130	636	330	-0.2	301
Williamson, Texas .....	139.9	4.3	16	928	96	1.5	181

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes workers covered by Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) programs.

<sup>(2)</sup> Data are preliminary.

<sup>(3)</sup> Average weekly wages were calculated using unrounded data.

<sup>(4)</sup> Percent changes were computed from quarterly employment and pay data adjusted for noneconomic county reclassifications.

<sup>(5)</sup> Ranking does not include the county of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

<sup>(6)</sup> Totals for the United States do not include data for Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.

**Table 2. Covered<sup>(1)</sup> employment and wages in the United States and all counties in Texas third quarter 2013<sup>(2)</sup>**

Area	Employment September 2013	Average Weekly Wage <sup>(3)</sup>
United States <sup>(4)</sup> .....	134,957,493	\$922
Texas .....	11,091,882	952
Anderson .....	18,290	754
Andrews .....	7,438	1,094
Angelina .....	36,149	709
Aransas .....	6,487	658
Archer .....	2,067	684
Armstrong .....	408	524
Atascosa .....	13,145	814
Austin .....	9,982	846
Bailey .....	2,557	634
Bandera .....	3,040	588
Bastrop .....	15,135	651
Baylor .....	1,158	602
Bee .....	10,308	771
Bell .....	111,073	770
Bexar .....	773,319	827
Blanco .....	2,743	784
Borden .....	222	527
Bosque .....	3,678	622
Bowie .....	40,768	689
Brazoria .....	96,157	908
Brazos .....	94,855	711
Brewster .....	3,765	745
Briscoe .....	314	524
Brooks .....	2,682	759
Brown .....	15,062	630
Burleson .....	4,404	828
Burnet .....	12,663	703
Caldwell .....	8,077	671
Calhoun .....	10,919	1,099
Callahan .....	2,013	697
Cameron .....	131,885	587
Camp .....	4,176	648
Carson .....	4,341	1,336
Cass .....	7,269	702
Castro .....	2,549	614
Chambers .....	13,037	1,070
Cherokee .....	14,882	618
Childress .....	2,383	588

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 2. Covered<sup>(1)</sup> employment and wages in the United States and all counties in Texas third quarter 2013<sup>(2)</sup> - Continued**

Area	Employment September 2013	Average Weekly Wage <sup>(3)</sup>
Clay.....	1,435	604
Cochran .....	727	686
Coke.....	684	548
Coleman.....	2,036	529
Collin .....	330,301	1,070
Collingsworth .....	801	671
Colorado .....	6,971	691
Comal.....	43,384	693
Comanche.....	3,684	553
Concho.....	847	651
Cooke.....	16,310	859
Coryell.....	14,440	615
Cottle.....	430	635
Crane .....	1,777	1,185
Crockett.....	1,705	695
Crosby.....	1,439	614
Culberson.....	1,163	583
Dallam.....	4,219	729
Dallas .....	1,509,027	1,115
Dawson .....	4,331	863
De Witt .....	7,329	714
Deaf Smith .....	7,381	688
Delta.....	1,468	373
Denton .....	195,456	837
Dickens .....	437	592
Dimmit.....	5,965	893
Donley.....	1,076	805
Duval.....	3,713	859
Eastland .....	7,711	823
Ector.....	72,124	1,055
Edwards .....	359	626
El Paso.....	282,372	666
Ellis .....	43,254	721
Erath .....	15,265	598
Falls .....	3,140	610
Fannin .....	6,773	696
Fayette.....	9,054	719
Fisher .....	883	668
Floyd .....	1,738	613
Foard.....	322	535

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 2. Covered<sup>(1)</sup> employment and wages in the United States and all counties in Texas third quarter 2013<sup>(2)</sup> - Continued**

Area	Employment September 2013	Average Weekly Wage <sup>(3)</sup>
Fort Bend .....	157,799	969
Franklin .....	3,115	631
Freestone .....	5,790	804
Frio .....	6,049	849
Gaines .....	5,945	825
Galveston .....	98,499	805
Garza .....	1,953	747
Gillespie .....	9,550	623
Glasscock .....	482	574
Goliad .....	1,427	747
Gonzales .....	6,874	690
Gray .....	9,238	842
Grayson .....	43,448	755
Gregg .....	77,052	846
Grimes .....	8,166	837
Guadalupe .....	31,577	740
Hale .....	12,101	621
Hall .....	829	601
Hamilton .....	2,476	619
Hansford .....	2,148	862
Hardeman .....	1,099	613
Hardin .....	12,508	742
Harris .....	2,192,332	1,187
Harrison .....	24,796	934
Hartley .....	2,158	661
Haskell .....	1,669	592
Hays .....	55,549	664
Hemphill .....	2,340	956
Henderson .....	16,002	614
Hidalgo .....	231,715	595
Hill .....	9,605	675
Hockley .....	10,504	912
Hood .....	15,892	810
Hopkins .....	12,295	688
Houston .....	6,135	811
Howard .....	12,765	817
Hudspeth .....	1,118	1,024
Hunt .....	28,119	810
Hutchinson .....	8,762	982
Irion .....	780	1,020

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 2. Covered<sup>(1)</sup> employment and wages in the United States and all counties in Texas third quarter 2013<sup>(2)</sup> - Continued**

Area	Employment September 2013	Average Weekly Wage <sup>(3)</sup>
Jack.....	3,173	994
Jackson.....	5,564	753
Jasper.....	10,418	690
Jeff Davis.....	954	561
Jefferson.....	116,915	921
Jim Hogg.....	2,055	736
Jim Wells.....	19,857	905
Johnson.....	43,190	745
Jones.....	3,851	695
Karnes.....	4,765	769
Kaufman.....	27,467	703
Kendall.....	12,174	772
Kenedy.....	667	1,033
Kent.....	282	621
Kerr.....	16,961	693
Kimble.....	1,399	597
King.....	110	1,161
Kinney.....	793	786
Kleberg.....	13,655	651
Knox.....	1,214	793
La Salle.....	3,362	1,029
Lamar.....	18,924	734
Lamb.....	4,268	651
Lampasas.....	4,480	581
Lavaca.....	5,770	651
Lee.....	6,544	846
Leon.....	5,340	860
Liberty.....	16,791	757
Limestone.....	8,514	673
Lipscomb.....	1,226	761
Live Oak.....	4,455	743
Llano.....	4,348	620
Loving.....	75	1,065
Lubbock.....	129,064	736
Lynn.....	1,324	656
Madison.....	4,663	632
Marion.....	2,005	555
Martin.....	1,653	818
Mason.....	1,090	549
Matagorda.....	10,066	806

Note: See footnotes at end of table.



**Table 2. Covered<sup>(1)</sup> employment and wages in the United States and all counties in Texas third quarter 2013<sup>(2)</sup> - Continued**

Area	Employment September 2013	Average Weekly Wage <sup>(3)</sup>
Maverick.....	16,683	588
McCulloch .....	3,309	740
McLennan .....	103,271	748
McMullen.....	570	913
Medina .....	8,793	636
Menard .....	435	464
Midland .....	85,325	1,148
Milam .....	5,472	833
Mills .....	1,368	564
Mitchell.....	2,322	764
Montague .....	5,751	745
Montgomery .....	151,433	903
Moore .....	10,627	738
Morris .....	4,839	895
Motley .....	309	494
Nacogdoches .....	22,063	634
Navarro .....	17,006	650
Newton.....	1,600	579
Nolan.....	5,880	719
Nueces .....	159,687	817
Ochiltree.....	5,191	899
Oldham .....	910	802
Orange .....	22,490	898
Palo Pinto.....	8,525	728
Panola.....	10,536	861
Parker .....	30,568	796
Parmer .....	5,479	722
Pecos .....	5,753	792
Polk .....	10,634	657
Potter .....	77,329	778
Presidio .....	2,451	755
Rains .....	1,744	535
Randall.....	28,565	704
Reagan .....	1,997	953
Real.....	660	447
Red River .....	2,472	562
Reeves .....	4,144	741
Refugio.....	2,603	750
Roberts .....	214	668
Robertson .....	3,738	784

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 2. Covered<sup>(1)</sup> employment and wages in the United States and all counties in Texas third quarter 2013<sup>(2)</sup> - Continued**

Area	Employment September 2013	Average Weekly Wage <sup>(3)</sup>
Rockwall.....	23,567	697
Runnels.....	2,886	631
Rusk.....	14,279	794
Sabine.....	2,137	634
San Augustine.....	1,549	620
San Jacinto.....	2,102	591
San Patricio.....	18,781	829
San Saba.....	1,499	522
Schleicher.....	1,017	784
Scurry.....	8,375	962
Shackelford.....	1,594	1,229
Shelby.....	8,197	639
Sherman.....	1,065	689
Smith.....	95,213	784
Somervell.....	3,999	1,002
Starr.....	14,655	531
Stephens.....	3,279	717
Sterling.....	667	802
Stonewall.....	530	705
Sutton.....	2,556	1,176
Swisher.....	1,901	585
Tarrant.....	812,634	912
Taylor.....	59,002	714
Terrell.....	391	820
Terry.....	3,754	729
Throckmorton.....	453	571
Titus.....	15,173	637
Tom Green.....	46,134	711
Travis.....	637,814	1,028
Trinity.....	2,340	575
Tyler.....	3,847	611
Upshur.....	6,861	673
Upton.....	1,698	984
Uvalde.....	9,774	595
Val Verde.....	16,643	655
Van Zandt.....	9,952	607
Victoria.....	40,781	823
Walker.....	23,725	670
Waller.....	16,039	817
Ward.....	4,559	1,014

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 2. Covered<sup>(1)</sup> employment and wages in the United States and all counties in Texas third quarter 2013<sup>(2)</sup> - Continued**

Area	Employment September 2013	Average Weekly Wage <sup>(3)</sup>
Washington .....	15,186	685
Webb .....	92,756	636
Wharton .....	15,465	682
Wheeler .....	2,926	707
Wichita .....	52,510	698
Wilbarger .....	6,478	673
Willacy .....	3,827	665
Williamson .....	139,873	928
Wilson .....	7,093	636
Winkler .....	2,825	1,083
Wise .....	21,823	894
Wood .....	9,202	632
Yoakum .....	4,221	994
Young .....	6,847	735
Zapata .....	4,857	981
Zavala .....	2,457	503

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes workers covered by Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) programs.

<sup>(2)</sup> Data are preliminary.

<sup>(3)</sup> Average weekly wages were calculated using unrounded data.

<sup>(4)</sup> Totals for the United States do not include data for Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.

**Table 3. Covered<sup>(1)</sup> employment and wages by state, third quarter 2013<sup>(2)</sup>**

State	Employment		Average weekly wage <sup>(3)</sup>			
	September 2013 (thousands)	Percent change, September 2012-13	Average weekly wage	National ranking by level	Percent change, third quarter 2012-13	National ranking by percent change
United States <sup>(4)</sup> .....	134,957.5	1.7	\$922	--	1.9	--
Alabama .....	1,847.6	0.8	794	34	1.3	43
Alaska .....	345.0	0.4	990	9	3.0	7
Arizona .....	2,490.9	2.2	859	22	1.5	36
Arkansas .....	1,156.5	0.1	723	47	2.1	21
California .....	15,526.4	2.7	1,057	6	2.1	21
Colorado .....	2,355.7	3.1	952	12	1.7	31
Connecticut .....	1,650.3	0.7	1,109	3	1.9	28
Delaware .....	416.8	2.1	941	14	2.1	21
District of Columbia .....	726.2	1.5	1,560	1	3.0	7
Florida .....	7,501.8	2.6	808	31	1.1	46
Georgia .....	3,928.2	2.3	867	21	1.5	36
Hawaii .....	617.7	1.7	839	25	1.6	33
Idaho .....	644.7	2.3	703	50	2.3	19
Illinois .....	5,731.7	0.7	959	11	1.5	36
Indiana .....	2,883.6	1.2	784	38	1.6	33
Iowa .....	1,512.0	1.5	772	40	2.1	21
Kansas .....	1,347.6	1.8	776	39	2.0	26
Kentucky .....	1,794.5	1.0	760	43	1.1	46
Louisiana .....	1,893.4	1.4	827	28	2.9	10
Maine .....	601.5	0.7	735	46	1.8	30
Maryland .....	2,546.4	0.6	1,011	8	0.4	51
Massachusetts .....	3,318.3	1.2	1,131	2	2.6	11
Michigan .....	4,069.7	2.1	875	20	1.5	36
Minnesota .....	2,724.2	1.7	938	15	2.6	11
Mississippi .....	1,099.1	0.8	688	51	2.5	15
Missouri .....	2,661.0	1.3	805	32	1.4	40
Montana .....	446.7	1.2	705	49	2.3	19
Nebraska .....	937.5	1.3	766	41	3.4	3
Nevada .....	1,169.4	2.5	836	27	2.0	26
New Hampshire .....	624.5	0.6	895	18	2.4	17
New Jersey .....	3,851.9	1.2	1,068	5	1.3	43
New Mexico .....	793.7	0.5	766	41	0.7	49
New York .....	8,724.8	1.3	1,108	4	1.7	31
North Carolina .....	4,006.4	1.7	817	30	1.4	40
North Dakota .....	436.7	3.4	921	16	5.5	1
Ohio .....	5,147.5	1.4	837	26	1.2	45
Oklahoma .....	1,572.6	1.4	797	33	2.4	17
Oregon .....	1,709.8	2.4	856	23	2.6	11

**Table 3. Covered<sup>(1)</sup> employment and wages by state, third quarter 2013<sup>(2)</sup> - Continued**

State	Employment		Average weekly wage <sup>(3)</sup>			
	September 2013 (thousands)	Percent change, September 2012-13	Average weekly wage	National ranking by level	Percent change, third quarter 2012-13	National ranking by percent change
Pennsylvania.....	5,622.4	0.3	913	17	1.6	33
Rhode Island.....	465.2	1.3	878	19	2.6	11
South Carolina.....	1,859.3	2.3	751	44	1.9	28
South Dakota.....	408.9	0.9	706	48	3.4	3
Tennessee.....	2,712.8	1.5	819	29	0.6	50
Texas.....	11,091.9	2.8	952	12	2.5	15
Utah.....	1,265.5	2.9	791	36	3.1	6
Vermont.....	302.5	0.0	788	37	3.4	3
Virginia.....	3,650.1	0.6	971	10	1.1	46
Washington.....	3,017.9	2.4	1,044	7	2.1	21
West Virginia.....	710.3	-0.7	751	44	3.7	2
Wisconsin.....	2,752.7	1.1	793	35	3.0	7
Wyoming.....	286.1	0.2	840	24	1.4	40
Puerto Rico.....	910.9	-2.5	501	(5)	-0.6	(5)
Virgin Islands.....	37.9	-1.9	706	(5)	-0.6	(5)

Chart 1. Average weekly wages by county in Texas, third quarter 2013

